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1. The Industria Sarmei was located near Braila's cement factory. Approximately 1,200 workers were engaged in the production of wire and iron beams. The plant operated on a three shift per day basis. The production of wire was in sizes ranging from five millimeters to 18 millimeters; it averaged 200 tons per shift.
 2. Power for the plant was manufactured on the premises. One turbine was in use; it produced 5,000 volts. Another turbine remained unused except in cases of emergency. [redacted] work was begun on the installation of two additional turbines which, reportedly, were to manufacture electric current for city use. 50X1-HUM
 3. One hundred of the Industria Sarmei workers were former Iron Guard members.
 4. The Salomit Factory, located near Industria Sarmei, was a new plant which made walls of pressed reeds, three by four meters and 25 centimeters thick. The raw materials used were reeds from the Braila marshes. These were pressed into shape at the rate of 250 daily through the use of Soviet machinery.
 5. The plant's administrative offices were built out of these pressed walls. The building consisted of four pillars to which the walls were affixed. The entire frame was then mortared. [redacted] production was to be stepped up to 1,000 pieces per day. 50X1-HUM
 6. [redacted]
- 9 Artillery Regiment in Craiova. The barracks were near Bibescu Park, off Strada Calafatului.
7. The training of the new recruits [redacted] Individual 50X1-HUM unarmed drill lasted for 15 days; this was followed by instruction in the use of the "ZB" guns (sic). After additional training in trench digging, recruits were summoned to the barracks [redacted] and told that military service in the Rumanian People's Republic was not compulsory. Those consenting to serve were given the oath. [redacted] 50X1-HUM

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8. The 9 Artillery Regiment was a training unit rather than a combat force. After six months basic training, recruits were given the opportunity to apply for training in a trade or specialty, for officer's training or driving school. To qualify for officer's training, applicant had to have four years of elementary schooling and then pass successfully an entrance examination dealing mostly with political subjects so that examiners would be able to ascertain extent of applicant's "political maturity".
9. The regiment had the following equipment and weapons:
- a. 8 mortars (obusiers), 280 mm. caliber.
 - b. 12 anti-aircraft guns.
 - c. 10 field artillery pieces.
 - d. 60 to 70 machine guns.
 - e. 6 automatic pistols for each battery.
10. Morale in the regiment was very low. There were no permits or passes of any sort authorized. Recruits were frightened, poorly fed and closely watched. Each battery had two political officers, each of them a lieutenant.
11. 50 recruits from the Braila area, at the completion of the training in Craiova, were sent to Timisoara to guard mines and factories there. 50X1-HUM
12. The chief medical officer was an unidentified colonel whose assistant was Major Epureanu.
13. Located near 9 Artillery Regiment was a tank unit consisting of about 100 old Rumanian tanks and 40 large Soviet tanks. The drivers of both types of tanks were Rumanians.
14. Attached is a rough sketch showing approximate location of 9 Artillery Regiment.

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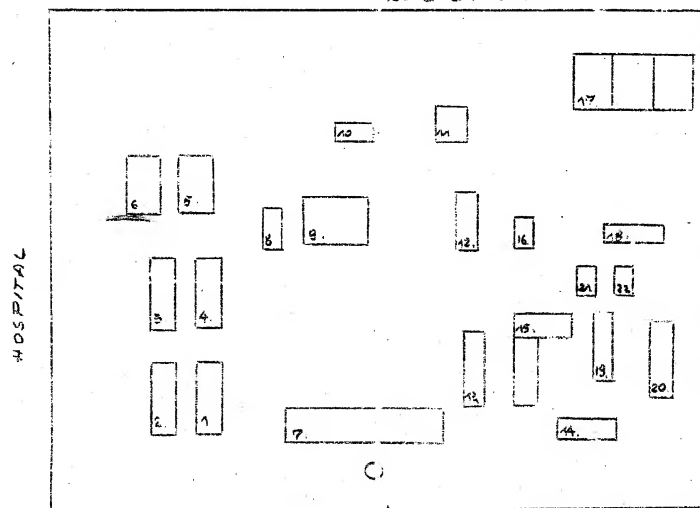
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CRAIOVA-
9th ARTILLERY REGIMENT -
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PUBLIC GARDEN



- 1, 2 & 3 - Dormitories
- 4 - Machine guns and mortars
- 5, 6 - Stables
- 7 - Two story building
- 8 - Soldiers club
- 9 - Covered training ground for cavalry horses
- 10 - Prison
- 11 - Munitions
- 12 - Soldiers dining hall
- 13 - Field guns
- 14 - Officers mess room
- 15 - Soldiers mess room and food storage area
- 16 - First aid and medical center
- 17 - Warehouse (gas masks, of German and Soviet manufacture; other items of material)
- 18 - Warehouse
- 19 - Shoemaker
- 20 - Dormitory
- 21, 22 - Stables

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